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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIN  
SUBJ: PRIVATE SECTOR PAY RAISE

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED MARCH 23 THAT PEOPLES ASSEMBLY  
MANPOWER COMMITTEE, UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP RAGA EL SAADY,  
APPROVED BILL GRANTING ANNUAL INCREMENT OF UP TO 7.5 PERCENT  
ANNUAL WAGE TO PRIVATE SECTOR WORKERS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY  
1, 1977. MAXIMUM UNDER BILL IS 7.5 PERCENT BUT EMPLOYERS MAY  
GRANT LESSER AMOUNT AND MAY DENY INCREMENT TO UNSATISFACTORY  
WORKERS. HOWEVER, NUMBER OF WORKERS DENIED INCREMENT MAY NOT  
BE GREATER THAN 5 PERCENT TOTAL WORK FORCE OF COMPANY. INCREASE  
WILL NOT BE GRANTED WORKERS EARNING OVER LE 100/MONTH OR TO  
WORKERS IN TRAINING. EMPLOYERS ARE LIABLE FOR FINE LE 5 - LE 20  
FOR EACH VIOLATION OF NEW BILL, WHICH ALSO PROVIDES FOR ACROSS  
BOARD 5 PERCENT ANNUAL WAGE BONUS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 1977.  
ALL WORKERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BONUS, EVEN THOSE HAVING RECEIVED  
OTHER BONUSES OR INCREMENTS TO 1977 SALARY.

2. COMMENT: PRESS HAS ALMOST DAILY HEADLINED CLARIFICATIONS/  
EXPLANATIONS OF PAY RAISE BILL FOR CIVIL SERVANTS, WHICH IS  
STILL IN GOE MACHINERY, BUT THIS IS FIRST REPORT WE HAVE  
SEEN OF PROGRESSION BILL FOR PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES SINCE  
IT WAS SUBMITTED TO ASSEMBLY EARLIER THIS MONTH. (NOTICEABLE  
BY ITS ABSENCE IS ANY MENTION OF PAY RAISES FOR ARMED FORCES.)  
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WHILE THRUST OF ALL PRESS ACCOUNTS IS THAT GOE HAD DECIDED  
PAY RAISES DUE AND DUE SOON, APPROVAL OF FULL ASSEMBLY IS  
REQUIRED BEFORE BILL GOES TO PRESIDENT AND BECOMES LAW. IN  
INTERIM, CONTINUED PUBLICITY IS PROBABLY MEANT TO REASSURE  
WORKERS THEY HAVE NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN, AND TO HELP DEFUSE  
RESENTMENT OVER CONTINUED PRICE SQUEEZE.  
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